



# Weekly Regulatory Digest

Compliance Intelligence for Commercial Drone Operations

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 **HIGH PRIORITY**

## This Week's Overview

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Critical Action

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## **ACTION REQUIRED: FAA Remote ID Module Enforcement Begins**

**55 Days Until Expiration**

What Changed: The FAA's mandatory Remote ID broadcast requirement for all drones over 0.55 lbs takes full effect **\*\*March 16, 2026\*\***. After this date, non-compliant flights face immediate grounding and civil penalties.



## LOCAL ORDINANCE UPDATE

**⚠️ HIGH RISK - Action Required****FAA Remote ID Compliance Deadline**

All drones in your fleet over 0.55 lbs must broadcast Remote ID via built-in capability or external module by **\*\*March 16, 2026\*\***. The FAA will begin automated enforcement via monitoring stations, with first offenses starting at \$1,100 per violation.

**IF YOU MISS THIS DEADLINE**

**\$1,100+/Violation**  
**+ Fleet Grounding**

Per-flight civil penalties + Immediate  
operational shutdown + Client  
contract breaches

**IF YOU ACT NOW**

**\$299/Module**  
**Investment**

Maintain uninterrupted service +  
Demonstrate safety leadership +  
Qualify for BVLOS waivers

**✓ Your Action Plan**

**Fleet Audit & Documentation** Document make/model/serial for each drone; identify which need modules. 🕒 *3 hours*

**Module Procurement & Installation**  
Purchase FAA-approved modules (e.g., Dronetag, BlueMark) and install. 🕒 *2 Days Lead Time*

**FAA DroneZone Registration Update**  
Update each drone registration with Remote ID serial numbers. 🕒 *2 hours*

Source: [FAA Advisory Circular 89-1](#); Municipal Code Tracker Database



## MEDIUM IMPACT - Monitoring

### Local Ordinance Expansion: 50+ Cities Add Drone Restrictions

Municipalities across your operating regions are rapidly adopting local drone ordinances requiring pre-flight notifications to police/fire departments and prohibiting flights near "critical infrastructure" as broadly defined.

#### Key Implications:

**\*\*Pre-Flight Notifications:\*\*** New requirement in 15 cities you serve (48-hour notice to police).

**\*\*Infrastructure Definitions:\*\*** "Critical infrastructure" now includes cell towers, substations, and even large commercial facilities.

**\*\*Permit Applications:\*\*** Some cities requiring annual commercial operation permits (\$150-\$500).

**\*\*Recordkeeping:\*\*** Must maintain notification logs for 3 years for FAA/local audits.



### COMPLIANCE CALENDAR & UPCOMING DEADLINES

Date	Entity	Required Action
Mar 16, 2026	FAA	Remote ID Enforcement Begins
Apr 1, 2026	City of Phoenix	Annual Commercial Drone Permit Renewal
Apr 15, 2026	City of Dallas	New Pre-Flight Notification Rule Effective
Jun 30, 2026	FAA	Part 107 Recurrent Knowledge Test Due

**Why This Matters to You:** While FAA rules are national, local ordinances create a patchwork of operational restrictions that vary by city and change monthly.



## COMPLIANCE SCOUT IMPACT THIS WEEK

# \$27,500+

For a 12-drone fleet, non-compliance could mean **\$13,200 in initial fines (12 violations) plus \$14,300+ in lost contracts during grounding**—versus a \$3,588 investment in Remote ID modules.



### 3 Key Takeaways

- 1. Remote ID is the New License Plate** - This isn't optional tech; it's mandatory digital identification tracked by automated enforcement.
- 2. Local Laws Now Equal FAA Rules** - Municipal ordinances now carry equal operational weight to federal regulations in your daily workflow.
- 3. Documentation is Your Defense** - Systematic logging of notifications, permits, and waivers is critical for audit protection.

**You're Not Alone.** Managing the FAA/local compliance dual-layer requires constant vigilance. Our service tracks both. For help with specific city ordinances, reply to this email.

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